



A DOUBTER'S GUIDE TO THE BIBLE

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GET GOING

Asking questions is a normal part of being human. We all seek to understand the natural world around us and the emotional, psychological world within us. The answers we find define how we live. Along the way we face doubts that can derail us or drive us deeper.

DISCUSS

1. **When you go to a movie, do you sit in the back, middle, or front? Why? What is your favorite genre of movie?**
2. **How often do you second guess yourself? Why?**
3. **On a scale of one to ten, how skeptical are you (with 1 being “Very Skeptical” and 10 being “Very Trusting”). Why do you think that is?**
4. Doubt is defined as being uncertain about; to consider questionable or unlikely; to hesitate to believe. We all have doubts. **What are some of the ways people respond to their doubts? Why?** (Possible Answers: hide them, ignore them, become unsure because of them, seek answers, go deeper.)
5. **Read John 20:24-31. Who was doubting?** (Thomas). **What was he doubting?** (The resurrection of Jesus). **Why was he doubting?** (He hadn't seen the resurrected Lord for himself).
6. **Do you think Thomas was wrong to doubt? Why or why not?**
7. **What changed Thomas' mind?** (Answer: encountering the evidence for himself.)
8. **In your opinion, what is the best way to respond to someone that has doubts?**

WRAP IT UP

In the end, all the evidence in the Bible, the natural world, archeology, history, science and philosophy lead to one person: Jesus Christ. As St. Augustine wrote, “You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless, until they can find rest in you.” Even if we don't have all the answers to every question we do have access to the One who is the answer.